A quick overview of the DANE WG

* DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities

Some background...

- When you connect to https://www.example.com you use SSL (actually TLS) to secure your connection.
- Need a public key.
- Carried in a PKIX cert.
- Need to make sure it's the **right** cert.

MITM - Man In The Middle



Public Key Infrastructure

- example.com generates public / private keypair.
- Certificate Signing Request (CSR):
 - Public part of the key
- Ships the CSR off to a Certificate Authority (CA)
- CA (usually) contacts example.com and verifies the info.
- CA issues a certificate:
 - Public part of the key
 - Hostname
 - CA's Signature.

CA's signature binds the key and hostname together and prevents tampering.

Relying Party (this is you!)

- Download the cert.
- Check that the hostname matches.
- Check a bunch of other bits in the cert that are important, just not important for this discussion :-).
- Check that the signature is valid.
- Connect!

Have we actually **solved** anything yet?

- Initial problem was that we didn't have a way to validate the key provided really is for example.com
- CA has signed a certificate binding the key and name together -- but, to verify the signature we need to know the CA's key....
- Well, the CA (root certificates) are basically trust anchors, just like the DNSSEC IANA trust anchor.
- Come preconfigured in your browser and your operating system.
- You inherently trust the preconfigured CAs.

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Keychain Access

Click to unlock the System Roots keychain.

Keychains **login**

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System Roots

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Root certificate authority Expires: Sunday, October 23, 2011 10:14:14 AM ET This certificate is valid

	Name	▲ Kind	Date Modified	Expires	Keyc
	Apple Root Certificate Authority	certificate		Feb 9, 2025 7:18:14 PM	Syst 🔺
	📰 Application CA G2	certificate		Mar 31, 2016 10:59:59 AM	Syst
	📰 ApplicationCA	certificate		Dec 12, 2017 10:00:00 AM	Syst
	Baltimore CyberTrust Root	certificate		May 12, 2025 7:59:00 PM	Syst
	📰 Belgium Root CA	certificate		Jan 26, 2014 6:00:00 PM	Syst
	📰 Buypass Class 2 CA 1	certificate		Oct 13, 2016 6:25:09 AM	Syst
	📴 Buypass Class 3 CA 1	certificate		May 9, 2015 10:13:03 AM	Syst
	📰 CA Disig	certificate		Mar 21, 2016 9:39:34 PM	Syst
Category	📰 Certigna	certificate		Jun 29, 2027 11:13:05 AM	Syst
All Items	📰 CertiNomis	certificate		Nov 8, 2012 7:00:00 PM	Syst
Passwords	📰 Certum CA	certificate		Jun 11, 2027 6:46:39 AM	Syst
Secure Notes	📴 Certum Trusted Network CA	certificate		Dec 31, 2029 7:07:37 AM	Syst
My Certificates	📴 Chambers of Commerce Root	certificate		Sep 30, 2037 12:13:44 PM	Syst
Keys	📰 Cisco Root CA 2048	certificate		May 14, 2029 4:25:42 PM	Syst
Certificates	📰 Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority	certificate		Aug 1, 2028 7:59:59 PM	Syst
	📰 Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority	certificate		Aug 2, 2028 7:59:59 PM	Syst
	📴 Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority -	- G2 certificate		Aug 1, 2028 7:59:59 PM	Syst
	🔛 Class 2 Primary CA	certificate		Jul 6, 2019 7:59:59 PM	Syst
	📴 Class 2 Public Primary Certification Authority	certificate		Aug 1, 2028 7:59:59 PM	Syst
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	📴 Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority -	- G2 certificate		Aug 1, 2028 7:59:59 PM	Syst
	Class 4 Public Primary Certification Authority -	- G2 certificate		Aug 1, 2028 7:59:59 PM	Syst
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	📰 Common Policy	certificate		Oct 15, 2027 12:08:00 PM	Syst
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	📴 Deutsche Telekom Root CA 2	certificate		Jul 9, 2019 7:59:00 PM	Syst
	📴 DigiCert Assured ID Root CA	certificate		Nov 9, 2031 7:00:00 PM	Syst 🔻
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BuiltInCAs-January-2011 : Sheet1								
Organization	Organizational Unit	Common Name or Certificate Name	From	То	Modulus	Signature Algorithm		
(c) 2005 TÜRKTRUST Bilgi İletişim ve B	iliş	TÜRKTRUST Elektronik Sertifika Hizmet Sağlayıcı	2005 May 13	2015 Mar 22	2048	SHA-1		
AC Camerfirma SA CIF A82743287	http://www.chambersign.org	Global Chambersign Root	2003 Sep 30	2037 Sep 30	2048	SHA-1		
AC Camerfirma SA CIF A82743287	http://www.chambersign.org	Chambers of Commerce Root	2003 Sep 30	2037 Sep 30	2048	SHA-1		
AC Camerfirma S.A.		Chambers of Commerce Root - 2008	2008 Aug 1	2038 Jul 31	4096	SHA-1		
AC Camerfirma S.A.		Global Chambersign Root - 2008	2008 Aug 1	2038 Jul 31	4096	SHA-1		
AddTrust AB	AddTrust TTP Network	AddTrust Class 1 CA Root	2000 May 30	2020 May 30	2048	SHA-1		
AddTrust AB	AddTrust External TTP Network	AddTrust External CA Root	2000 May 30	2020 May 30	2048	SHA-1		
AddTrust AB	AddTrust TTP Network	AddTrust Public CA Root	2000 May 30	2020 May 30	2048	SHA-1		
AddTrust AB	AddTrust TTP Network	AddTrust Qualified CA Root	2000 May 30	2020 May 30	2048	SHA-1		
America Online Inc.		America Online Root Certification Authority 1	2002 May 27	2037 Nov 19	2048	SHA-1		
America Online Inc.		America Online Root Certification Authority 2	2002 May 27	2037 Sep 29	4096	SHA-1		
AOL Time Warner Inc.	America Online Inc.	AOL Time Warner Root Certification Authority 1	2002 May 28	2037 Nov 20	2048	SHA-1		
AOL Time Warner Inc.	America Online Inc.	AOL Time Warner Root Certification Authority 2	2002 May 28	2037 Sep 28	4096	SHA-1		
AS Sertifitseerimiskeskus		Juur-SK		2016 Aug 26	2048	SHA-1		
		Autoridad de Certificacion Firmaprofesional CIF A62	2001 Oct 24	2013 Oct 24	2048	SHA-1		
		Autoridad de Certificacion Firmaprofesional CIF A62	2009 May 20	2030 Dec 31	4096	SHA-1		
Baltimore	CyberTrust	Baltimore CyberTrust Root	2000 May 12	2025 May 12	2048	SHA-1		
Buypass AS-983163327		Buypass Class 2 CA 1	2006 Oct 13	2016 Oct 13	2048	SHA-1		
Buypass AS-983163327		Buypass Class 3 CA 1	2005 May 09	2015 May 09	2048	SHA-1		
Certplus		Class 2 Primary CA	1999 Jul 07	2019 Jul 06	2048	SHA-1		
certSIGN	certSIGN ROOT CA	certSIGN ROOT CA	2006 Jul 04	2031 Jul 04	2048	SHA-1		
Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	ePKI Root Certification Authority	ePKI Root Certification Authority	2004 Dec 19	2034 Dec 19	4096	SHA-1		
CNNIC		CNNIC ROOT	2007 Apr 16	2027 Apr 16	2048	SHA-1		
COMODO CA Limited		COMODO ECC Certification Authority	2008 Mar 05	2038 Jan 18	ECC	ECC		
Comodo CA Limited		AAA Certificate Services	2003 Dec 31	2028 Dec 31	2048	SHA-1		
Comodo CA Limited		Secure Certificate Services	2003 Dec 31	2028 Dec 31	2048	SHA-1		
Comodo CA Limited		Trusted Certificate Services	2003 Dec 31	2028 Dec 31	2048	SHA-1		
COMODO CA Limited		COMODO Certification Authority	2006 Nov 30	2029 Dec 31	2048	SHA-1		
ComSign		ComSign Secured CA	2004 Mar 24	2029 Mar 16	2048	SHA-1		
ComSign		ComSign CA		2029 Mar 19	2048	SHA-1		
Cybertrust Inc.		Cybertrust Global Root	2006 Dec 15	2021 Dec 15	2048	SHA-1		

Windows / Internet Explorer





Including all of the root certificates and the certificates that they have signed that allow others to sign, and certificates that **they** have signed that allow others to sign and....

~ 1,400. Yay! More choice is good!



- When a user validates a cert, they have no way of knowing which CA should have signed it.
- Issues:
 - Malicious CA
 Incompetent CA
 Compelled CA.

Small chance, big risk.



DANE WG

- The big issues are way too many trust anchors...
- DNSSEC has one trust anchor and:
 - \circ It's free.
 - \circ It provides the ability to securely publish information.
 - \circ Only the "domain owner" can publish at a node.
 - There is an easy discovery mechanism: the DNS itself!
 - Supports A uthenticated Denial of Existence.

DANE - Leveraging DNSSEC

- Take your existing cert.
- Calculate the hash ("fingerprint").
- Publish this in the DNS (in a TLSA RR), protected with DNSSEC.
- Relying parties grab the cert, compute the hash and compare it to a TLSA record.

If they match, all is good...



If not, something evil is afoot...



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But wait... there's more...

- In order to get a (DV) cert for a domain, all you need to do is prove you control the domain.
- Usually this is verified by proving you can receive email at (a specific address) at the domain.
- Anyone who controls the DNS for a domain can control where the mail for the domain goes.
- (Ability to control DNS for a domain) == (Ability to get cert for that domain).
- A rogue DNS admin can get a certificate for domains he administers.

What exactly does the CA do again?

- CA's signature binds the key to the hostname.
- The work in DANE will allow a site to generate and (selfsign) a certificate and publish the cert information in the DNS.
- As only the DNS admin can publish a TLSA RR in a domain, and the admin already has the ability to get a cert for that domain, we feel that DANE validated certs have (approximately) the same level of trust.

Almost the end!

- Currently 2 working group documents:
 - o draft-ietf-dane-use-cases-03
 - o draft-ietf-dane-protocol-07
- Use Case has passed WGLC
- Protocol doc is fairly far along, will be rev'ed with updates from the Use Case Doc.

For more information:

- 1. http://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/dane/charter/
- 2. Join the Mailing List.



Certificate.

Certificate: Data: Version: 3(0x2)Serial Number[.] 2f:df:bc:f6:ae:91:52:6d:0f:9a:a3:df:40:34:3e:9a Signature Algorithm: sha1WithRSAEncryption Issuer: C=ZA, O=Thawte Consulting (Pty) Ltd., CN=Thawte SGC CA Validity Not Before: Dec 18 00:00:00 2009 GMT Not After : Dec 18 23:59:59 2011 GMT Subject: C=US, ST=California, L=Mountain View, O=Google Inc, CN=www.google.com Subject Public Key Info: Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption RSA Public Key: (1024 bit) Modulus (1024 bit): 00:e8:f9:86:0f:90:fa:86:d7:df:bd:72:26:b6:d7: 44:02:83:78:73:d9:02:28:ef:88:45:39:fb:10:e8: 7c:ae:a9:38:d5:75:c6:38:eb:0a:15:07:9b:83:e8: [SNIP] Signature Algorithm: sha1WithRSAEncryption 9f:43:cf:5b:c4:50:29:b1:bf:e2:b0:9a:ff:6a:21:1d:2d:12: c3:2c:4e:5a:f9:12:e2:ce:b9:82:52:2d:e7:1d:7e:1a:76:96: